

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 59, 61-66, 68-72, 74-77 and 81-86 are now pending in the application, with Claims 59, 66, 72 and 81-86 being independent. Claims 78-80 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 59, 66, 72 and 81-86 have been amended herein.

Claims 78-80 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 78-80 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 78-80 have been cancelled herein, thus rendering the § 112, first and second paragraphs, rejections moot.

Claims 59, 61-66, 68-72, 74-77 and 81-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,006,895 (Hashimoto et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed previously, in the electrophotographic copier of Hashimoto et al., if an automatic magnification selection (AMS) function is being set, the copying magnification is determined based on the input paper size and the thus set size for the scanning system. The copying operation is then performed by using the determined copying magnification. If the automatic paper selection (APS) mode is selected, on the other hand, an appropriate paper size is selected in accordance with the selected magnification. That is, as understood by Applicants, if the AMS function is selected, the paper size to be utilized for the copying operation is selected. According to Figures 10A and 10B, if the paper of the current selected size is stored, that paper size is selected. Otherwise, a size of stored paper is selected as a size to be printed and the selected size is displayed. When the ASP mode is changed into the AMS mode, the paper size which is not required to be set may be switched into a paper size of the actual stored paper. In the rejection, the selected mode and paper size can correspond to the first and second setting items, respectively.

However, the apparatus of Hashimoto et al. is directed to a self-contained copying apparatus. Hashimoto et al. is not directed to an information processing apparatus connected with a printing device. Accordingly, Hashimoto et al. fails to disclose or suggest an information processing apparatus connected with a printing device, with the information processing apparatus including an issuance unit, adapted to issue a control command based upon set values to the printing device, as is recited in independent Claims 59, 81 and 82.

Nor does Hashimoto et al. disclose or suggest a setting method for printing, performed by an information processing apparatus, including a step of issuing a control command based upon set values to a printing device (Claims 66, 83 and 84), or a computer program product having computer program code for a method of setting for printing performed by a computer and including issuing process code, adapted to issue a control command based upon set values to a printing device (Claims 72, 85 and 86).

Thus, Hashimoto et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in the independent claims.

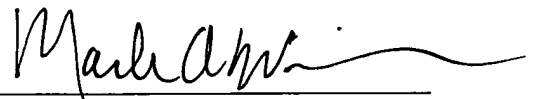
Accordingly, independent Claims 59, 66, 72 and 81-86 are patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejection are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 59, 66, 72 and 81-86. Dependent Claims 61-65, 68-71 and 74-77 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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